

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An authentication medium, characterized by comprising a multilayer structure in which two light selective reflecting layer are stacked together with a phase difference layer interleaved therebetween, wherein said two light selective reflecting layers are each formed of a material capable of selectively reflecting either one of left-handed or right-handed circularly polarized light of incident light, and center wavelengths of light reflected off said two light selective reflecting layers differ from each other.

2. (original): The authentication medium according to claim 1, characterized in that said phase difference layer is a transparent substrate film.

3. (original): The authentication medium according to claim 1, characterized in that said phase difference layer is a multilayer structure comprising a transparent film and a nematic liquid crystal layer.

4. (previously presented): The authentication medium according to claim 1 characterized in that a light diffracting structure layer is stacked on one surface of said multilayer structure.

5. (original): The authentication medium according to claim 4, characterized in that said light diffracting structure layer is a reflection hologram.

6. (previously presented): The authentication medium according to claim 4, characterized in that said light diffracting structure layer has a light reflective layer in association therewith.

7. (previously presented): An authentication medium label, characterized in that an adhesive layer is further stacked on the authentication medium according to claim 1.

8. (previously presented): An authentication medium transfer sheet, characterized in that the authentication medium according to claim 1 is stacked on a releasable surface of a releasable substrate.

9. (previously presented): An authenticable sheet, characterized by having the authentication medium according to claim 1 on a part thereof in a visible way.

10. (previously presented): An authenticable information recording medium, characterized in that the authentication medium according to claim 1 is stacked on a surface of an information recording medium to be authenticated, or said information recording medium has an authentication medium according to claim 1 on a part thereof in a visible way.

11. - 18. (canceled).

19. (currently amended): An authentication medium, characterized in that a light selective reflecting pattern layer ~~made up comprising of~~ a layer of a material having light selective reflectivity capable of ~~selectively~~ reflecting either ~~one~~ of left-handed or right-handed circularly polarized light of incident light, and a light diffracting structure layer with a light reflective layer are stacked together.

20. (original): The authentication medium according to claim 19, characterized in that said light selective reflecting pattern layer is stacked on one surface side of a transparent substrate, and said light diffracting structure layer is stacked on another side surface of said transparent substrate.

21. (currently amended): The authentication medium according to claim 19, characterized in that said light selective reflecting pattern layer and said light diffracting structure layer are stacked ~~in this order~~ on one surface side of a transparent substrate.

22. (previously presented): The authentication medium according to claim 19, characterized in that said light diffracting structure layer is a reflection hologram.

23. (canceled).

24. (previously presented): An authentication medium label, characterized in that an adhesive layer is further stacked on the authentication medium according to claim 19.

25. (previously presented): An authentication medium transfer sheet, characterized in that the authentication medium according to claim 19 is stacked on a releasable surface of a releasable substrate.

26. (previously presented): An authenticable sheet, characterized by having the authentication medium according to claim 19 on a part thereof in a visible way.

27. (previously presented): An authenticable information recording medium, characterized in that the authentication medium according to claim 19 is stacked on a surface of an information recording medium to be authenticated, or said information recording medium has the authentication medium according to claim 19 on a part thereof in a visible way.